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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

KENNETH RIZZO, R.P. License No. RI0201600 PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is a pharmacist in the State of New Jersev and had been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On January 14, 2005 respondent was the subject of a Judgment filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Orange County. Specifically, respondent was convicted of one count of Grand Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in violation of PL 155.40 and one count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in violation of P.L. 175.35. Count I was committed over the period January 30, 1996

through November 12, 2001, Count II from October 17, 2001 through October 22, 2001.

3. Respondent was sentenced to a one (1) year term of imprisonment for each count to be served concurrently, fined \$2,000.00 and, further, ordered and made restitution in full.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above Judgment provides grounds for the suspension of his license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) in that the conviction is one of moral turpitude and/or relates adversely to the practice of pharmacy.

IT IS THEREFORE on this 27 day of July , 2005, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's license shall be and hereby is provisionally revoked.
- 2. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:
- a. Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Joanne Boyer, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- b. Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c. Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration, and

reasons therefor.

the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are

Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and

necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through the

submission by respondent during the thirty-day period, or if the

Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further

consideration or mitigation of the penalties set forth herein, a

Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

4. In the event that respondent's submissions establish

a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an

evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard

thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the

preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained

herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations

in such proceeding. However, the Board shall not be limited to the

sanctions contained herein and may seek to recoup costs to the

State.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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